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Subject: 18th statement of the Collegium Ramazzini now available online

Dear Fellows and Emeritus Fellows of the Collegium Ramazzini,

The 18th statement of the Collegium Ramazzini, "The global health dimensions of asbestos and asbestos-related diseases" and associated press release are now available on the website of the Collegium Ramazzini: <a href="http://www.collegiumramazzini.org/">http://www.collegiumramazzini.org/</a>

Fellows are invited to share this information widely among your networks, including advocacy groups and media in your home countries. Translations of the statement in Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, Portuguese, Catalan and Russian are currently underway and language-specific releases of the statement will follow for each of these markets.

Thanks to the efforts of Ken Takahashi and Phil Landrigan, we are pleased to report that we have already conducted interviews with several journalists in Japan and Malaysia. These interviews were planned to coincide with the  $10^{th}$  anniversary of the "Kubota shock" in Japan on 29 June. This refers to the social panic triggered by the finding of a cluster of ARD victims (among workers, ex-workers and neighboring residents affiliated with the major asbestos user "Kubota") in 2005. This civilian movement eventually led to a total ban of asbestos in Japan.

Please refer any media inquiries to <a href="mailto:collegium@ramazzini.it">collegium@ramazzini.it</a> and I will be happy to put journalists in touch with Collegium Ramazzini leadership and spokespeople on this issue.

Kind regards from Bologna,

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